

ATHENA'S TABLET



Official Newsletter of the
Starfleet Command Ship USS Athena



MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE MONTH DELIVERS



The Inglewood branch of the Nashville Public Library allowed members of the USS Athena to set up a display with models and books to share the love of reading with patrons. It was wonderful to see the look of surprise when we mentioned that this year marks Star Trek's 60th anniversary.



We also collected pet food and paid a visit to the Nashville Humane Association. Petty Officer Teena Godwin appeared as a "Caitian" and was a big hit as she toured the facility!



Teena and Kathy pose with
Nashville Humane Association volunteer



Joseph Fugate, Phil Barnes, Kathy Peck,
Teena Godwin, Ryan Peck, Stephen Willis





Fleet Captain's Log

*By Fleet Captain Kathy Peck
Commanding Officer, USS Athena*

I wake up in the morning to a Star Trek alarm, "Star Trek Romance Music". I used to use the battle music from "Amok Time", but I decided I needed to wake up to something gentler. I shower behind my Star Trek shower curtain. My bathroom also has a Trek soap dispenser, and a ducky Spock for the occasional leisurely bath time. When I go to my home office--or my "Ready Room", as I like to call it—I am surrounded by Star Trek action figures and other memorabilia. My husband, Commander Ryan Peck, (yes, I even have a Star Trek husband) brings me coffee in a Star Trek mug. When I finish the drudgery of my day job, I can be found still in my Ready Room playing Captain's Log (solo Star Trek RPG) or coloring in my Star Trek coloring book, or taking care of USS Athena business. Then I retire to my living room—or "The Bridge, as I like to call it—and watch a few episodes of Legacy Trek. Then I curl up in bed with a Star Trek book off the shelves of Trek books that line my bedroom.

There was one time my smart phone did a strange update while I was sleeping. When the alarm sounded in the morning, it played some kind of generic alarm. Commander Peck asked what that was. I replied that somehow my phone changed the alarm without my knowing. He said, "That's my worst nightmare. I wake up one morning and my wife isn't a Trekkie anymore." I quickly said, "No chance of that, Imzadi!" I immediately changed the alarm music back to Trek.

From The Bridge...

*By Commander Ryan Peck
First Officer, USS Athena*

From the very inception of forming the USS Athena, one of the things that was important to us was making a positive impact in our community. We didn't want to just be a group of fans who had a common interest in a science fiction television show. In fact, many of us strive to embody the world that we hope that the future will be like.

Starfleet Command initiated April as "Make-A-Difference Month". This is a time when we individually and collectively focus in on enriching others' lives.

To say that I was proud to serve with other Athena officers and crewmen in this endeavor is an understatement. I am especially looking forward to continuing this initiative throughout the rest of the year. Athenians make a difference all the time!



Hailing Frequencies Open



I recently watched the video episode of StarPodLog and StarPodTrek:

On U Tube from May 25, 2026 featuring
A StarTrek Mug Collection.

It Reminded me of my childhood. Growing up, money was tight, so I knew not to ask for a lot. I love bargain hunting as a result. The thrill of the “ hunt” so to speak.

So when fellow crewmate Loretta Tobias and I found the ZAK Mr. Spock coffee mug for \$1.25 each at our local Dollar World store, we each snatched up a mug or two! I enjoy having my morning coffee with Mr. Spock.

I want to thank each participating Athena member for their contribution to this Summer issue of Athena’s Tablet. I urge any interested member to consider contributing to our next edition.

Athena’s Tablet belongs to all crew members; let your creativity shine! Please enjoy this Summer Edition of Athena’s Tablet.

LT Pamela Maness
Mississippi Landing Party Leader
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WAY LATE PLAY DATES

THE FINAL FUN-TIER

Greetings from
Starbase One



Nashville's Adventure Science Center holds Way Late Play Dates that are adult-only events that usually have a theme. On April 24th the theme was a celebration of Star Trek's 60 Anniversary. The USS Athena was asked to

greet guests entering the event in uniform or as an alien.

We had a great number of crew members attend - including two new recruits, Vincent Lombardi and Sam Manriquez. Teena Godwin came as an Andorian and Rachael Mahan came as Q. The rest of us wore uniforms from TOS series and movies, TNG, and DS9/First Contact.

Our table got a lot of traffic. Several people, young and old, wanted to sign up! I think people were excited to realize they were not alone in their geekdom. I, myself, had that same feeling several years ago at another WLPD. That is where I met Kathy and Ryan Peck and eventually rejoined Starfleet Command after a 45-year absence.

Special exhibits included Badge Making, Live Science Show, Vulcan Lute, Geordi Eye Exam, Roaming Robots, Mushroom Brick Building, Into The Great Unknown presented by our very own Chuck Schlemm, Phaser Challenge, Borg Geometry Challenge, and more. The big feature was the film "Incoming" about asteroids, narrated by George Takei.



Several guests came in uniforms also - including a couple of Drag Queens

cosplaying Number One (Una) and Chapel.

All in all, it was a fun and successful night! Thank you to all who came to help! Also, a special thanks to Chuck and Chase for bringing display items to add to my items for the table.

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starbase01.net



HAPPY MILES O'BRIEN DAY!



For a number of years, Athena members have celebrated the Saturday before Saint Patrick's Day as Miles O'Brien Day. Why? Because he is the most important person in Starfleet history!

At this gathering, Teena Godwin was promoted to Pretty Officer due to her commitment to the club.





FUN IN HUNTSVILLE!

Huntsville Comic and Pop Culture Expo was April 17-19 in Huntsville, AL.
Star Trek guests this year were Anson Mount and Wil Wheaton.



Athena members Ryan Peck, Kathy Peck, Jeremy Manning, and Miranda Manning with friend Richard Trulson.





LT Pam Maness
Mississippi Landing Party
Leader

COSTUMING JOURNEYS

Female Klingon Costume Article Continued from the last Issue of Athena's Tablet.
A wig with attached black headband was purchased at a discount through a popular selling app.

A package of lightweight white foam clay will be needed. Foam Clay can be purchased online, in craft supply stores or in the craft section of a department store. The foam clay will be used to sculpt a Klingon cranial forehead with ridges, to be affixed to the wig headband. **Process-** Take a piece of cling film and wrap around forehead of model. Mark on the film with a marker where you want your forehead edges to be, including hairline, sides and over brows and part way down bridge of nose if desired. Take film off the forehead and place onto foam wig form.

(Tip a foam wig head and detachable table mount are very helpful to hold wig form for styling wigs or sculpting foam clay appliances.)

Note: cover wig form with second piece of cling film on top of marked film when sculpting foam clay to make sure your marks do not rub off and for easy clay removal. Use your creativity and the foam clay to sculpt the forehead appliance. The sculpted forehead has ridges where the eyebrows will be, as this foam cranial piece covers cosplayer's real eyebrows like a mask. Let sculpt dry some, then gently peel from wig head and let the back side dry as well. The dried sculpt is painted with acrylic paint in skin tones/ makeup tones of the model in an effort to match skin tone. Paint edges and part of underneath edges as well. Paint in several thin layers to build up like that of skin. When the appliance painting is finished let it dry well. Actual makeup foundation can be applied on top of painted surface. Powders, eyeshadows etc. can be applied with dry brushes to shade and shadow around ridges. Darker eyeshadow can be used to darken eyebrow ridges. Use acrylic paint (matching wig hair color) and a fine paint brush to paint in individual brow hairs. Let paint dry. The painted hairs will thicken the look of your Klingon brows.

The next step: the eyebrow ridges will be rooted with synthetic hair from an old costume wig the same color as our "Klingon" wig.

(Tip a rooting tool can be made with a hand sewing needle, wire cutting pliers, and craft knife handle. **Process-** Take a hand sewing needle with medium size eye. **Please wear safety glasses or goggles as sharp parts can fly around.** Cut about 1/3 of sharp end of needle off. Place needle into craft knife handle with cut end down into handle. Twist handle closed tight and snug on the needle shaft, leaving about half the needle sticking out of handle. Next cut the top tip of needle off with cutting pliers at a slight angle. After the cut has been made you should have two prongs, one slightly longer than other on the end of needle. This is your new rooting tool.)

To root hairs onto your foam sculpt, take a few strands of loose hairs across your index finger. Catch several strands in between needle prongs, holding loose ends taught against handle. Poke the needle, hair strands and all, into foam sculpt at eyebrow ridge.

Pull out tool leaving hair stuck in the foam "rooted". **Note:** Be sure to continue this process poking in the direction the hair would naturally grow until you have filled up the brow area. You may have several long uneven hairs in this area; do not worry. Continue to root the hair onto eyebrow ridges. Root both brows on each side. **(Note:** Rooting hairs will take some time. Be patient. This is a step to add some realism to the appliance.)



USS Athena Visits the Mimms Museum

On March 14, 2026 Lt. Cmdr Jen Foley and Recruit Victor Valentin of the *USS Athena's* Georgia Landy Party attended "Talking Tech - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Space Age" at the Mimms Museum of Technology and Art in Roswell, GA. Jorge Blanco of Southern Area Rocketry gave a presentation about Robert Goddard's launch of the first liquid-fueled rocket, which took place one hundred years ago on March 16, 1926. "Nell" was a 10-foot rocket powered by liquid oxygen and gasoline and she flew for 2.5 seconds, reaching an altitude of 41 feet, and landing 184 feet away. The launch was not widely reported at the time but is now considered the dawn of modern rocketry. There were two vessels on *Star Trek*: TNG named for Goddard.

After the presentation, the *Athena* crew made a brief visit to the Mimms Museum's exhibit "Computers in the Movies," which included three mentions of *Star Trek*, including two film firsts. The sequence showing the Genesis device terraforming a planet in 1982's *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* was the first use of a computer generated image (CGI) animated sequence in a film. 1986 marked the first use of photo-realistic face morphing in a movie in *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*. ILM scanned the heads of cast members using 3D technology developed by Cyberware. The digital model of Leonard Nimoy's face was later used in computer graphics research for testing algorithms, called "Digital Nimoy" or "The Spock Scan." The scans of the other cast members seem to have fallen into the void or a dark matter anomaly. A third section in the exhibit focused on the use of the android Commander Data, a synthetic lifeform with artificial intelligence, in *Star Trek: The Next Generation*.

The *Athena's* Georgia Landing Party plans to return to the Mimms Museum to explore its other exhibits, which focus on computers, technology, and space. The crew also plans to attend one of Southern Area Rocketry's bimonthly public launches, which take place in Alpharetta, GA and Centre, AL.



LTCDR Jen Foley
North Georgia Landing Party



Victor, Jorge Blanco, and Jen



Nashville GALAXYCON 2026



Kathy and Ryan delivering their panel



New recruits Jack and Scott with Kathy Peck, Ryan Peck (kneeling), Teena Godwin, Sandra Brown, and Phil Barnes.



Star Trek guest Q&A panel with Armin Shimerman (DS9 and TNG), Nana Visitor (DS9), and Denise Crosby (TNG)



Athena officer Rachael Mahan and her Rocky Horror theater group gave a shadow cast performance Friday night, and convention guest Barry Bostwick showed up!

Galaxycon will return
to Nashville June
4th~6th , 2027





STARFLEET MEDICAL

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH



LT JG Alan Hounshell
Chief Medical Officer



"Please state the nature of the medical emergency. I see you could have possibly avoided this problem by taking time for some preventative measures," says the Mark I hologram to his patient. The patient replies, "I never thought I needed to. I was doing just fine last week. Why should I worry about my health? You can just

replicate or clone any new parts."

The Mark I hologram sarcastically replies, "We are not a parts store, Lieutenant. Even Mr. Data can't just waltz in here and get a low-mileage, functioning positronic brain."



First, let me preface my article by saying we do not live in the 22nd century or beyond, and that I am not a medical doctor, nor have I played one on any Star Trek series. However, I am over the age of 45, and I religiously check with my doctor and research medical guidelines online regarding what I need to be doing to prevent issues as I continue to age. For people 45 years and older, I want to point out some simple preventive measures you should strongly consider to help reduce future medical problems.

Why am I targeting people 45 and older, even though the Star Trek fanbase spans ages 5 to 105? That's because the average engaged Star Trek fan is reportedly between 47 and 67 years old, with most concentrated in the 41-50-year-old

bracket. Also, this is when your body begins showing signs of potential medical issues. (Please keep in mind that illnesses/diseases can come before we even reach 45.)

Before you start down the road of preventive medical assessments (or freaking out), everyone, regardless of age, should gather all available information about any relevant medical conditions in their immediate family. Genetics can pass on many medical conditions, like cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, making you more susceptible to inheriting those conditions. You should also consider environmental exposures to lead paint, chemicals, and loud noises that might affect your current or future health. (Note: For adopted individuals like me, contacting a birth parent(s) might prove beneficial in getting medical history.) Also, if you are on any medications or have had any significant medical procedures (e.g., surgeries), please keep a record of these for any doctor who may request them.

Here's a checklist of preventative screenings for individuals 45 and older:

▲ CANCERS

▲ Colon

Cancer: Doctors perform these colonoscopies every 10 years after the age of 45 (more frequently if issues arise).

If you are reluctant to have a colonoscopy, you may use an annual stool-based test (e.g., Colorguard).



▲ **Breast Cancer:** Doctors recommend that women have a mammogram every 1-2 years, starting at age 40/45.

▲ **Cervical Cancer.** Doctors recommend that average-risk women undergo pap smears (often combined with HPV testing) every 3–5 years between the ages of 21 and 65.

▲ **Prostate Cancer:** Doctors recommend men should be screened for prostate cancer (PSA test or digital rectal exam) with their provider starting at age 45-50, usually repeating every 2–4 years.

▲ **Lung Cancer:** Doctors recommend an annual low-dose CT (LDCT) scan for smokers aged 50-80. The US Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) recommends yearly lung cancer screenings for people who: have a 20-pack-year or more smoking history, and smoke now or have quit within the past 15 years, and are between 50 and 80 years old.

▲ CARDIOVASCULAR

▲ Cholesterol

Check: Doctors recommend performing a lipid panel to look at your good and bad cholesterol every one to two years, depending on your previous results.

▲ **Calcium Test** (or coronary artery calcium scan): Doctors recommend those with moderate risk factors (smoking, high blood pressure / cholesterol, family history) get a quick, non-invasive CT scan that measures calcified plaque in their heart arteries to assess heart disease risk.

▲ **Blood Pressure:** Doctors generally take an adult patient's blood pressure for most appointments, regardless of age. This helps detect hypertension (high blood pressure), which rarely has

symptoms but significantly increases the risk of stroke, heart attack, and kidney damage.

▲ OTHER WORTHY SCREENINGS

▲ **Diabetes:** Doctors recommend screening every three years starting at age 35, or annually for those with risk factors like prediabetes or obesity.

▲ **Mental health disorder:** Doctors recommend annual screenings, often in conjunction with an annual physical, to ensure early detection and intervention.

▲ **Cognitive Impairment:** Cognitive impairment should be assessed annually for adults aged 65 and older.

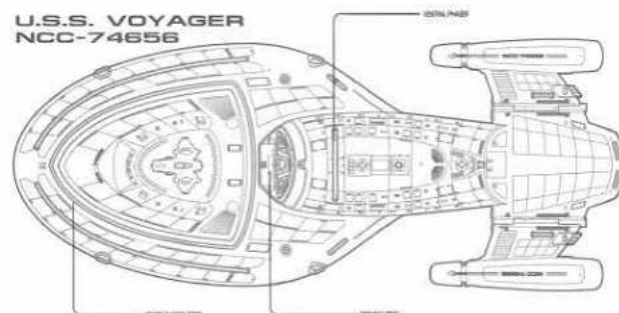
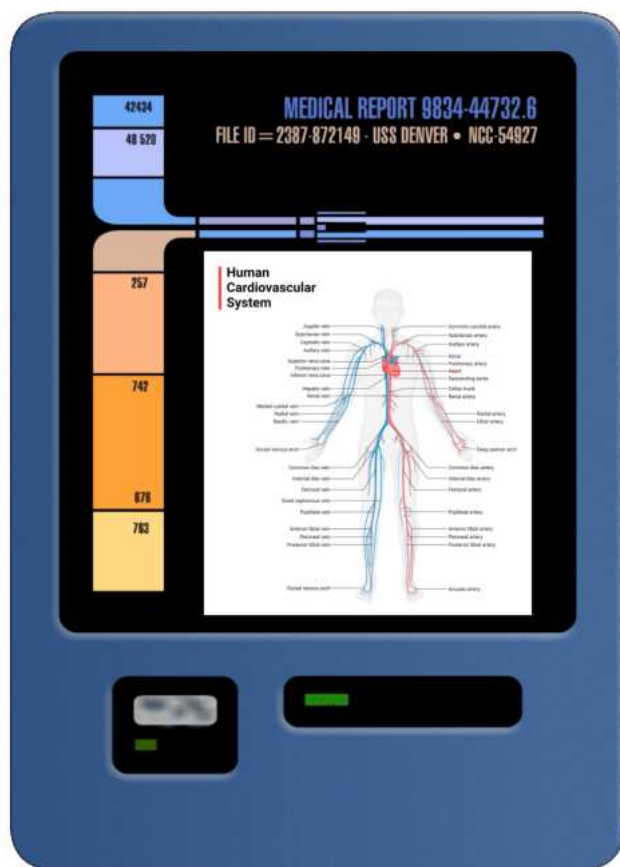
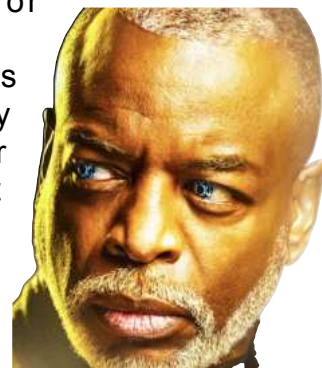
▲ **Vision:** Doctors suggest those not already seeing someone for vision issues get examined every 2-4 years.

▲ **Hearing:** Doctors suggest those not already

seeing someone for hearing issues get examined every 1-3 years.

Don't ignore any new or odd changes in your body's behavior. Aging is very much like an interstellar starship, traveling to different planets and solar systems. You've got to keep the engines and nacelles in working order, or you might not be going anywhere. Let me just add that getting older is not for the BiHnuc (meaning coward in Klingon), but you can get there with fewer problems by taking some time for yourself and getting yourself screened so you might live longer and prosper. Be well, stay well.

Disabling the EMH for now.





Specialist
Andrea Barron
Communications

"The Journey of Yue Li"

Look for part 2 of this Star Trek saga in next issue of Athena's Tablet

Part 1: 'The ghosts we carry with us in this life'

All night long the flames flicker Year in, year out, the war goes on

Bright swords flash, brave men fall and die Riderless horses whinny at the sky

Kites and crows pluck out the guts Hang them high on the withered trees Soldiers lie scattered in the tall grasses

While the Generals bear empty titles -Li Bai "Fighting south of the wall"

The heavy shadow of Mt. Tianshan always entered Yue Li's dreams at night as it guarded over the Li manor house. Her little sister Mei Li was calling out to her frantically. The Chu state historian Xu Bingwen had thrown her over his warhorse. He was fast riding into the light, where he emerged into red fields with columns of black smoke rising into the skies filled with great metal beasts spitting balls of fire out over a strange people. Yue Li was confused and filled with a swelling, flooding sadness of loss. She had no idea what these strange metal beasts were filling the skies. What foreign kingdom with strange skies and unknown stars. She awoke in confusion, the night sky outside her window was illumined a blazing red. She arose as still within an impossible dream and walked outside into the courtyard. Fires swept across the field at the foot of Mount Tianshan. She crossed the stone bridge over the lotus pond now bloated with blood and the floating corpses of warriors. She thought she had seen Xu taking Mei Li towards Tianshan, but between Tianshan and her a fierce battle was taking place. She had no choice. Time was slipping away. She ran towards the battle out onto the field. Swords clashing all



around her and warriors falling on all sides.

She looked up into the night sky just as a flaming phoenix descended before her path, the fenghuang (phoenix) iridescent with eyes like the sun, its back like the moon, outspread wings of fiery winds, and in its long tail the planets trailed. The xian (immortal) fell from its back at her feet. The faceless hundun (sacred beast of chaos) chasing it suddenly was carried away by the storm winds from a feilian (a wind spirit, winged dragon). Its rider jumped to the blood slick ground and ran over to

the fallen xian. He carried her back to the waiting winged feilian. Suddenly a searing flash split Yue Li's head with brilliance.

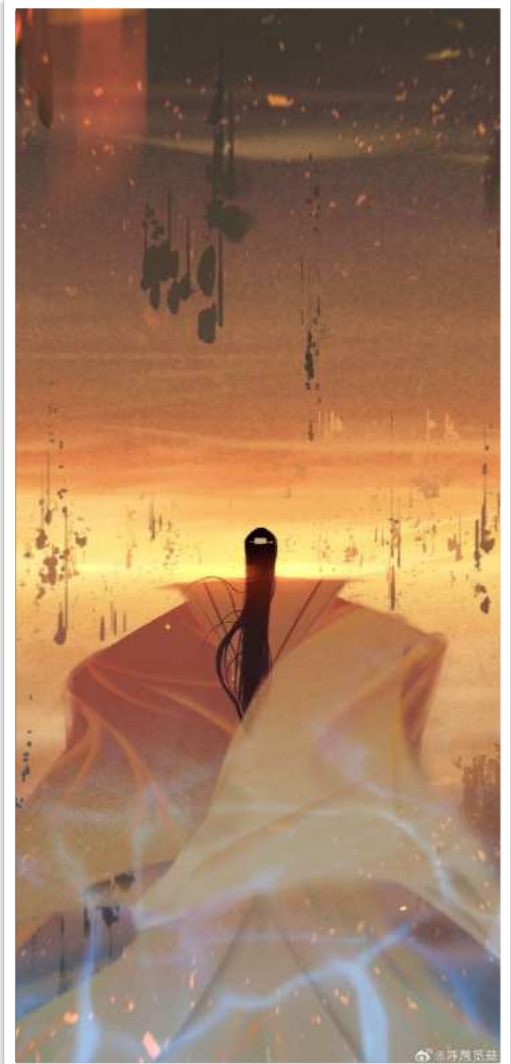
She saw one of the metal beasts, huge, flying in a sea of stars, with strange words written on its hull, USS Tenjiku. Then a strange foreign woman with the head of a bird and the body of a woman that another strange being called out to -"Mirra Gryruksol, captain Eidan wants to see you on the bridge". The bird headed woman seemed familiar to her somehow. Perhaps she was an inverted form of the deity

Kalavinka, one of the beings that lived atop Mt. Tianshan. She knew from childhood stories the feilian were ridden by other xian and could travel in the world outside the world.

Then she saw further up ahead Xu Bingwen galloping towards Tianshan with Mei Li his hostage slung over his black horse. Before her Tiangou, a ferocious black dog was swallowing up the moon in the sky. Zhang Xian was waiting with his bow and arrow to shoot tiangou down from the skies when at her feet one of the dead warriors arose from the mist covered ground and became a jiangshi (reanimated corpse). He grabbed her by the leg. Yue Li struggled to get free from him. Another feilian (another of the kind like a horse with wings) ran past in front of her riderless.

The mist laden field transformed in her vision into another battle, in that other land with red fields and columns of black smoke rising into the skies. She saw Xu there and he was coming towards her with a raised sword speaking of lords in the flames of war, leaving no trace of fate. In his burning eyes dwelt a deep sadness and a great cruelty. She fell to the ground and the heavy mists surrounded her. All around her the dead warriors were arising from the cold ground swords in hand turning into jiangshi. Her heart plummeted in wild despair. When a white crane bearing a xian descended from the skies to her. The ancient one gathered her up onto the back of the white crane and off they flew into the crowded burning skies. A fierce dragon with the shell of a turtle, Bixi was locked in battle with a Zhenniao whose poisonous green tipped feathers were aflame spiraling downwards in the skies. The nine headed snake Xiangliu rained down arrows of fire in his rage unmet by any heroes. All around her were Chi (hornless dragons) breathing fire, Tianma (winged horse) flying into the fray sweating blood, pixiu (winged lions) flying alongside the feilian that carried her to the top of Mount Tianshan. The feilian descended outside the black ruins of an old temple dedicated to an unknown, forgotten god.

Yue Li felt the strong embrace of the xian slacken he fell away from her to the ground. She jumped off the back of the feilian and ran into the temple ruins. There she found Xu Bingwen with Mei Li standing at the edge of a dark abyss. "Mei Li", she called out. Xu spoke quietly, "Your history will be forgotten this day. I will make things right again. I will cast all karma behind me." "Xu, let Mei Li go", Yue Li begged. "I need her. She is special. She is the only one who can restore my world," Xu answered. Then a blinding white light surged up from the dark abyss and Xu with Mei Li in his arms fell backward into the abyss, into the rising brilliance. Yue Li desperately ran after them and jumped into the blinding radiance. She felt as if she were falling forever before she gave up her conscious. When she came to again she could hear voices talking around her. "Yue Li, wake up." She opened her eyes and bent over her with a worried expression



was the bird headed woman Mirra. "Yue Li are you alright?" "Who are you? Where am I? What happened to Mei Li?" "You are onboard the USS Tenjiku. It's me, Mirra. Where did you go?" (Pictures from Pinterest. To be cont.)

WORD SEARCH

STAR TREK

Transcript excerpt taken from
<http://www.chakoteya.net/StarTrek/9.htm>

Balance of Terror Stardate: 1709.2
 Original Airdate: 15 Dec, 1966



**Recruit Karen
 Burcham
 Communications**

[Ship's Chapel]

SCOTT: The ceremony will be carried on all viewing screens, sir.

KIRK: Good.

MCCOY: There was a call for you from the Bridge.

KIRK: Kirk here.

SPOCK [OC]: Still no answer from Earth Outpost number two, Captain, and now number three's gone silent.

KIRK: Maintain course to outpost four. Keep me informed. Kirk out.

(At the door, a young lady in gold uniform and a pretty head-dress takes Scott's arm and is escorted into the room, to the strains of

'Here Comes The Bride'. Kirk goes to the rostrum.)

KIRK: Since the days of the first wooden vessels, all shipmasters have had one happy privilege. That of uniting two people in the bonds of matrimony. We are gathered here today with you, Angela Martine, and you, Robert Tomlinson, in the sight of your fellows, in accordance with our laws and our many beliefs so that you may pledge your

SULU [OC]: Alert! Alert! All decks alert! Alert! Alert! Captain to the Bridge. All decks alert.



SCOTT
 KIRK
 MCCOY
 SPOCK
 SULU
 CEREMONY
 SCREENS
 BRIDGE
 OUTPOST
 SHIPMASTERS
 MATRIMONY
 VESSELS
 ACCORDANCE
 LAWS
 SIGHT
 FELLOWS
 UNITING
 ALERT
 PLEDGE
 GATHERED





HAVING A STELLAR TIME AT STELLAR FEST

Stellar Fest was April 24-26 in Duluth, GA. Star Trek guest was Sean Kenney from TOS. Fleet Captain Kathy Peck and Commander Ryan Peck presented three panels. Lt. JG Buck Melton participated in six panels.



Athena members Buck Melton, Kathy Peck, and Ryan Peck presenting panel on Star Trek in Starlog Magazine.



Panel with con guest Sean Kenney



Athena members enjoy dinner with friends.



Athena members enjoy brunch.



Athena member Victor Valentin received promotion to Specialist.



Teena Godwin
Petty Officer
Communications

TREK IN THE WILD

Have you ever been walking along in a store or in town or outside,

and a

certain little something catches your eye? You do a double-take and realize that it wasn't (or was) what you first thought - like a sheep in the clouds or a leaf shaped like a heart. For me, it's (of course) Star Trek-related.

Deltas just snatch my attention. Deltas are the triangle-ish emblem that nearly every uniform has had. I can be walking full speed through a convention and throw on the brakes when something tickles my periphery. A Delta. It could be anything. A keychain. Do I want it? Yes. Do I need it? It's Star Trek, so also yes. Coasters? Yep. Travel mugs? You betcha! A bag or purse? Mine! Funko POP? In my basket.

Then again...

Remember the cloud sheep and heart leaf mentioned earlier?

Well, recently, it was an unassuming little rock in my driveway after the rain. It looked just like a Delta. It made me so happy I had to text the picture right away. That makes me realize I have friends who love Star Trek too, which makes me happy. And when I get the usual "Cool" or "Wow" answer back, it usually makes me laugh.

And that's the main reason I love Star Trek. It makes me really happy. And when I feel sad or have that blah feeling or am wandering down my driveway to do the mundane task of checking the mail, I think

CROSSTREK



of the little reminders of Star Trek that are all around me, and it makes me smile. And then I go look at my delta badges and want more, because I don't have the one from Wrath of Khaaaaaaan! 🤪

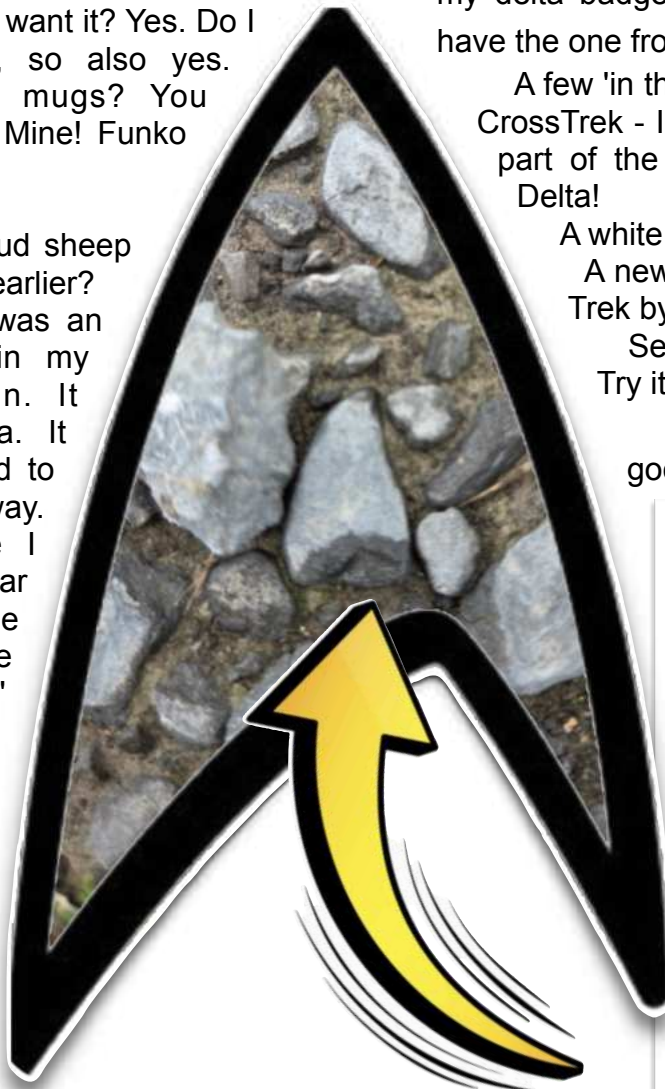
A few 'in the wild' common sightings: A Subaru CrossTrek - I swear if I had it, I'd pop the 'Cross' part of the emblem off and replace it with a Delta!

A white Land Rover Discovery - so cool!

A new coffee that I'm addicted to - Global Trek by Keurig.

See? It's fun to spot Trek in the Wild! Try it out sometime!

So this is me, signing off, not with goodbye, but 🙌 LLAP.



March 20-22

Memphis, TN

MidSouthCon 41

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-The Continuing

Multi-Genre Fun Con



Fleet Captain Kathy Peck and Commander Ryan Peck made a splash at MidSouthCon in Memphis, TN on March 20-22. They presented a panel called "Star Trek at 60: Where to Begin in the Final Frontier". They also had a fan table and met lots of Trekkers!

Mid South Con will return March 19th~21st, 2027 In Olive Branch, MS.





STAR TREK GOES



North and South was a television miniseries that originally aired in three parts, in 1985, 1986, and 1994 and took place during the American Civil War

era. It was based on a series of novels. The miniseries was of interest to me in the '80s because, well, not because I took a special interest in the Civil War, unlike many of my contemporaries in south Georgia where I was raised, but because it



starred Kirstie Alley of Star Trek fame. As I sat down to watch it, I found out it also had actor Lee Bergere, who played Abraham Lincoln on Star Trek. Funny, the series had its own Abraham Lincoln, played by a different actor. The series was very entertaining with its action, period setting, and compelling soap opera-like characters. And you didn't have to be a Civil War buff, and I wasn't, to know that it wasn't historically accurate. But who cares, right? It was fun to watch. Later on, it was even more fun to re-watch after having seen TNG and DS9 and being able to recognize a slew of more Trek actors. Most thrilling was a pre-Trek Jonathan Frakes. Other Trek actors in the mix were Jean Simmons, David Ogden Stiers, Mitchell Ryan, and Mary Crosby. And many fans will also note that Jonathan Frakes' future wife Genie Francis starred in the series. They have been happily married since 1988.

The story was about two men, one from the north and one from the south, who became best friends

and had to struggle with their families, the war, slavery, and jealous rivals. One of the men was played by the late great Patrick Swayze as the perfect southern gentleman and southern soldier. While the story included famous historical characters such as Ulysses Grant, Jefferson Davis, and Robert E. Lee, they were relegated to the background, so the focus of the story could be on the original characters. We got a glimpse of the differences--and the striking similarities--of the lifestyles of the rich, the poor, the soldiers, the civilians, the southerners, and the northerners.



FREE COMIC BOOK DAY



On May 2nd, we set up a fan table at The Great Escape comics store in Nashville, TN for Free Comic Book Day. Then we enjoyed lunch at Five Points Pizza, where we gave Ensign Jeremy Manning a custom-made Star Trek TMNT figure! Great fun and fellowship!



WONDERS OF WONDERFEST

STAR TREK 60

WonderFest is a hobby con that mostly celebrates model-makers and other artists who work on films. Their special theme this year was Star Trek's 60th Anniversary.



Rick Sternbach - senior production illustrator for ST: TMP, TNG, DS9, VOY, and ST: Nemesis.

John Eaves - production illustrator for DS9, ENT, ST: DIS, ST: PIC, and eight ST films.

Daren Dochterman - production illustrator for VOY, ST: TMP Director's Edition, ST: Beyond, and ST: PIC.



Rick Sternbach, Kathy Peck, Ryan Peck, Teena Godwin, John Eaves, Daren Dochterman, and Phil Barnes



Screen Used as Props



Model that was for sale. Use the PADD at the bottom to control the lights!



Phil Barnes and Teena Godwin with TOS Mirror actress Barbara Luna



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USS Athena Upcoming Events

**July 18 Khan!!!
The Musical!**
A Parody Trek-Tacular

July 19 Starfleet Command Mid-Year Meeting via Zoom

**July 25 Borderless Arts
Community Service Event**

**July 25
Strange New Worlds
Viewing Party**

**August 7-9
Monsterama Con**

**August 15 Star Trek/Sherlock
Holmes Event**

**August 22
Shakespeare in the Park**

**September 3-7
Dragon Con**

Some members of the USS Athena are also involved in these groups



StarPodTrek

<https://starpodlogpodcast.blogspot.com/>



Adventure Science Center

<https://www.adventuresci.org/>



National Space Society

<https://nss.org/>



**The Barnard-Seyfert
Astronomical Society**

<https://www.bsasnashville.com/>



Star Trek: Nature's Hunger

<https://youtube.com/@natureshunger>



**Barnard Astronomical Society
of Chattanooga (BAS)**

<https://www.barnardastronomy.org/>